



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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AUG 07 2018

Brad Woodhouse
American Democracy Legal Fund
455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: MUR 7135

Dear Mr. Woodhouse:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated September 14, 2016, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that Paul Manafort and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §30125(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. §300.61 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to take no action as to Donald J. Trump. Accordingly, on July 31, 2018, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016.

The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Ray Wolcott, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1302.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynh Y. Tran".

Lynh Y. Tran
Assistant General Counsel